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(Aug. 4, 1955, ch. 546, §1, 69 Stat. 486; June 21, 1961, Pub. L. 87-56, §1, 75 Stat. 95.)

#### CHANGE OF NAME

"Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated" substituted in text for "Army and Navy Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated" on authority of section 1 of Pub. L. 87-56. See section 648 of this title.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 632 of this title.

### § 632. Completion of organization

The persons named in section 631 of this title are authorized to complete the organization of the corporation by the selection of officers and employees, the adoption of a constitution and bylaws, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, and the doing of such other acts as may be necessary for such purpose. Five of such persons shall constitute a quorum for the purposes enumerated in this section.

(Aug. 4, 1955, ch. 546, §2, 69 Stat. 487.)

### § 633. Principles and objects of corporation

(a) The principles underlying the corporation are patriotic allegiance to the United States of

America, fidelity to its Constitution and law, the security of civil liberty, and the permanence of free institutions.

(b) The objects of the corporation are to cherish the memories of the valiant deeds in arms for which the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, and the Navy Cross are the insignia; to promote true fellowship among its members; to advance the best interests of members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America; to extend all possible relief to needy members of the corporation, their widows, and children; and to stimulate patriotism in the minds of our youth by encouraging the study of the patriotic, military, and naval history of our Nation.

(Aug. 4, 1955, ch. 546, §3, 69 Stat. 487; June 21, 1961, Pub. L. 87-56, §2, 75 Stat. 95.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1961—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 87-56 inserted "Air Force Cross" after "Distinguished Service Cross,".

### § 634. Powers of corporation

The corporation shall have power—

- (1) to have succession by its corporate name;
- (2) to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;
- (3) to adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal;
- (4) to charge and collect membership dues;
- (5) to adopt, amend, and alter a constitution and bylaws, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State in which the corporation is to operate, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- (6) to contract and be contracted with;
- (7) to take by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest from any private corporation, association, partnership, firm, or individual and to hold any property, real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation, subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any State (A) governing the amount or kind of property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of property by, a corporation operating in such State;
- (8) to transfer, convey, lease, sublease, encumber, and otherwise alienate real, personal or mixed property; and
- (9) to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, or otherwise, subject in every case to all applicable provisions of Federal and State laws.

(Aug. 4, 1955, ch. 546, §4, 69 Stat. 487.)

### § 635. Principal office; territorial scope of activities; agent for service of process

(a) The principal office of the corporation shall be located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, or in such other place as may later be determined by the board of directors, but the activities of the corporation shall not be confined to that place and may be conducted throughout the various States, Territories, and possessions of the United States.

(b) The corporation shall have in the District of Columbia at all times a designated agent au-